

## INTERPRETIVE MEMO

☒ **3SquaresVT Rule Interpretation**

☐ **Procedural Instruction**

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**Based on a new interpretation from our federal partners at the Food and Nutrition Service all General Assistance (GA) and Emergency Assistance (EA) housing and utility payments made for a 3SquaresVT (3SVT) household do not count as income to the 3SVT household. As long as these GA or EA payments are not paid to or cashable by the 3SVT household they are excluded as income.**

For example: The GA Work Unit issues a temporary housing check to a hotel for a 3SVT household to live at the hotel. This hotel payment no longer counts as income to the 3SVT household.

**All GA or EA housing and utility payments issued to a 3SVT household are countable income.**

For example: A 3SVT household rents a room to a friend. The friend applies for GA to pay their room rent. The room rent paid by GA to the 3SVT household is countable income.

**GA and EA personal needs (PNI) payments continue to be counted as unearned income for 3SVT.**